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APPROVAL OF UNCDF ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
RWANDA

IPF: (1992-1996) $7 251 000
(BOT/87/C05) - Construction and Extension of Four Community Junior Secondary Schools

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	11 December 1991
Expected duration:	2 years
Proposed co-operating agency:	Government
Government executing agency:	Ministry of Education Boipelego Education Project Unit (BEPU) (MOE)
Proposed UNCDF contribution:	$4 771 100 (US$ 4 699 000 - loan)
Government cost sharing:	$ 310 000
Community contribution:	$ 45 000

Project background

The Government of Botswana seeks to diversify progressively, the country's economic base through the market system. Currently, mining accounts for over 50 percent of GDP and 90 percent of export earnings while manufacturing characterized by extremely low capacity, accounts for less than four percent of GDP. The lack of a skilled and educated work force poses a general challenge in the implementation of the diversification strategies, with a serious shortage of skilled personnel evident in various technical, professional, managerial and entrepreneurial categories. A major objective of the Government is to increase investment in human capital by promoting the development of professional education with the overall goal of increasing the national level of skilled and educated labour, in keeping with the requirements and demands in all productive sectors.

The Government's efforts in the educational sector, initiated during two periods have resulted in elementary school enrollment of over 80 percent. The main obstacle in the realization of the Government's objective of universal access to nine-year basic education by year 2000 lies in the incapacity of the existing Junior Technical System to absorb eligible primary school leavers.

For pupils in rural and remote areas in particular, the problem of access to school is compounded by the large distances between feeder village primary schools and the nearest Community Junior Secondary Schools. The average distance for students of the present project's school is over 130 km. which far exceeds maximum official walking distance of 10 km. To ensure access to education for pupils from remote and dispersed communities, the Government under the Community Junior Secondary School (CJSS) programme is providing some selected institutions with boarding facilities.

The additional capital and recurrent costs involved for Government in the provision of boarding Junior Secondary/Technical Schools is justified by the inability of the poorer rural households to bear full educational costs, and by the Government's goal of reducing

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

the existing inequity in access to education between urban and rural pupils. For an already vulnerable group, the provision of educational facilities and pedagogical equipment is a critical precondition for training in marketable skills, particularly in a context of declining rural agriculture-based employment opportunities.

Description of project

The project will construct one new Community Junior Secondary School in Tsau with the following facilities: two classroom blocks, one science block, four 24-bed hostel blocks, a multi-purpose hall, double-staff houses, dining hall and a kitchen. For the existing CJSS in Dukwe, Middlepits and Monashoro, the project will construct hostel blocks, kitchens, dining halls, staff houses and administrative blocks. In addition, it will provide furniture and pedagogical equipment to the four schools.

During the preparatory phase, standard designs, plans, specifications and bills of quantities will be prepared by local consulting firms, under the direction of the Boipelego Education Project Unit (BEPU), Ministry of Education, subject to competitive bidding. Local consultants will also be engaged in designing the site at Tsau as part of the project. Tendering for the civil works and review of the same will be carried out by the Boipelego Education Project Unit (BEPU), Ministry of Education assisted by the Government Central Tender Board. Construction is planned to start in April 1991 and to be completed by the end of 1992. Tendering for equipment and furniture for the schools will be made in July/August 1992.

Construction work will be undertaken by contractors selected through competitive bidding. The construction of the facilities will be based on the standard designs utilized for all school facilities under the CJSS programme.

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Inputs

The Government will finance the local cost of the BEPU staff, professional fees for quantity surveyors, engineers, clerks of works and site investigations as well as other resulting maintenance and operational costs of the complete project.

UNCDF will provide a soft loan of (US) $4,699,000 to finance all construction and supply of furniture and pedagogical equipment. The loan is interest free, with a three-year grace period and repayment in (US) $ over seven years. A service fee of 3 percent of the loan (US $140 970) will be paid by the Government of Botswana prior to disbursement of any loan amount. The local community in Tsau will contribute land, labour and material towards the construction of the Tsau CJSS.

Financial data

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	UNCDF	Government	Community (ISAU)
Missions (formulation, monitoring, evaluation)	70 000	-	-
Consultancy costs	-	187 500	-
Construction	4 393 500	-	45 000
Furniture	181 500	-	-
Equipment	124 000	-	-
Operation costs	-	122 500	-
Support costs	2 100	-	-
Total	4 771 100	310 000	45 000